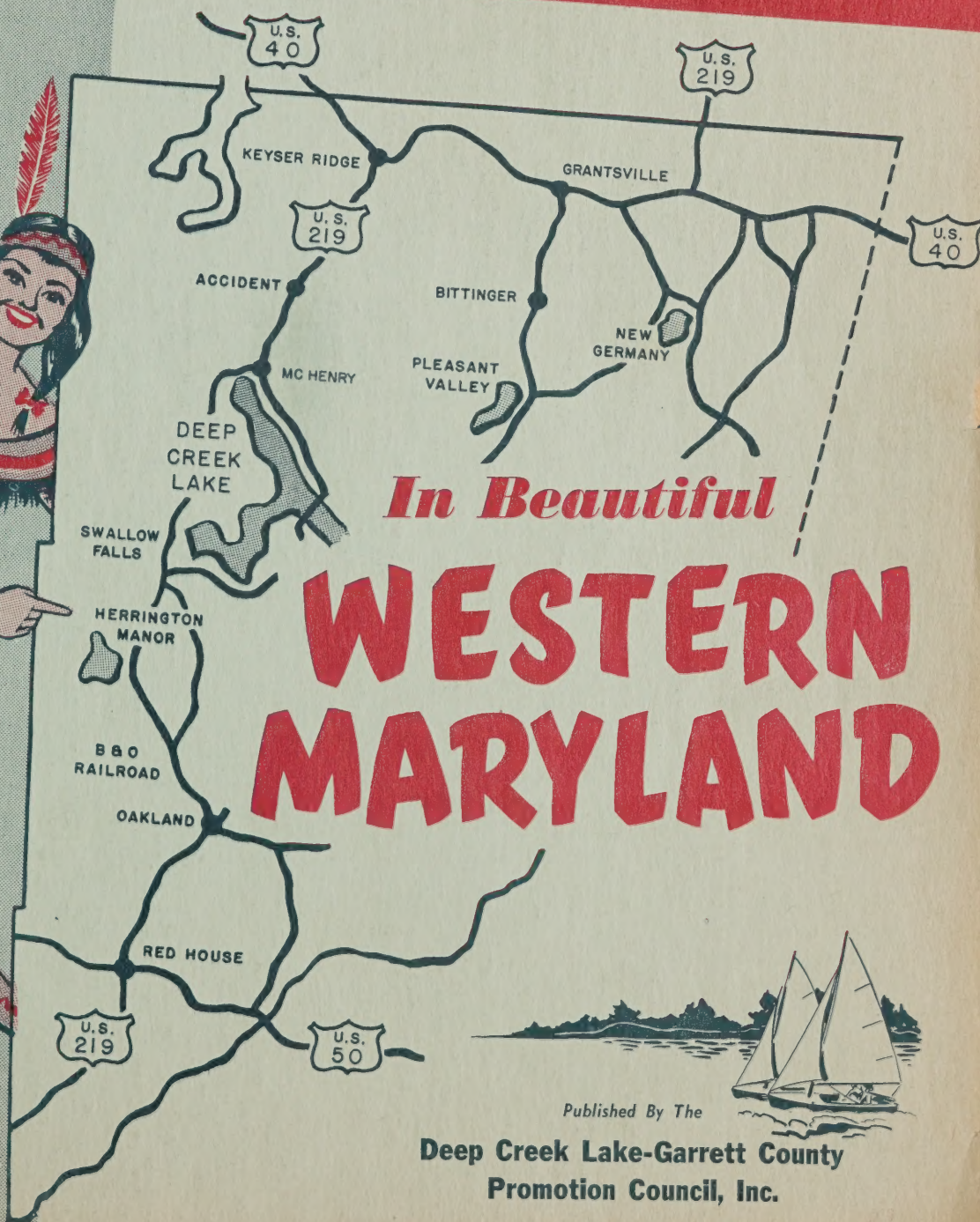


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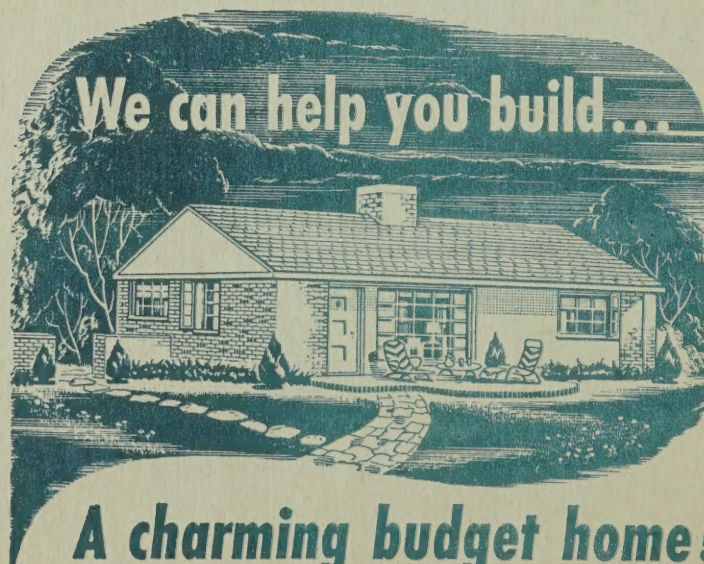


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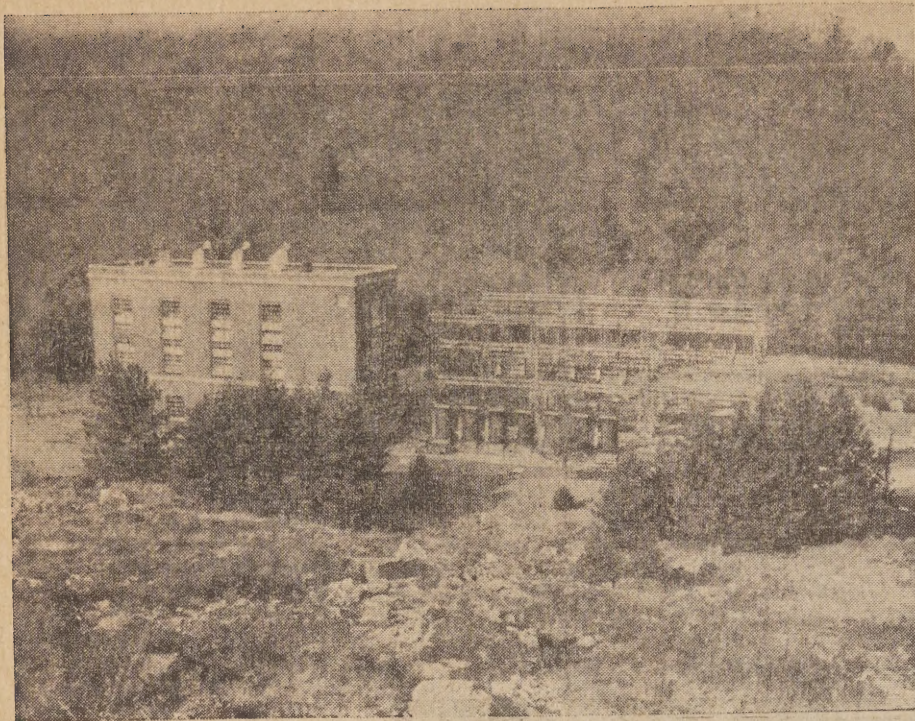


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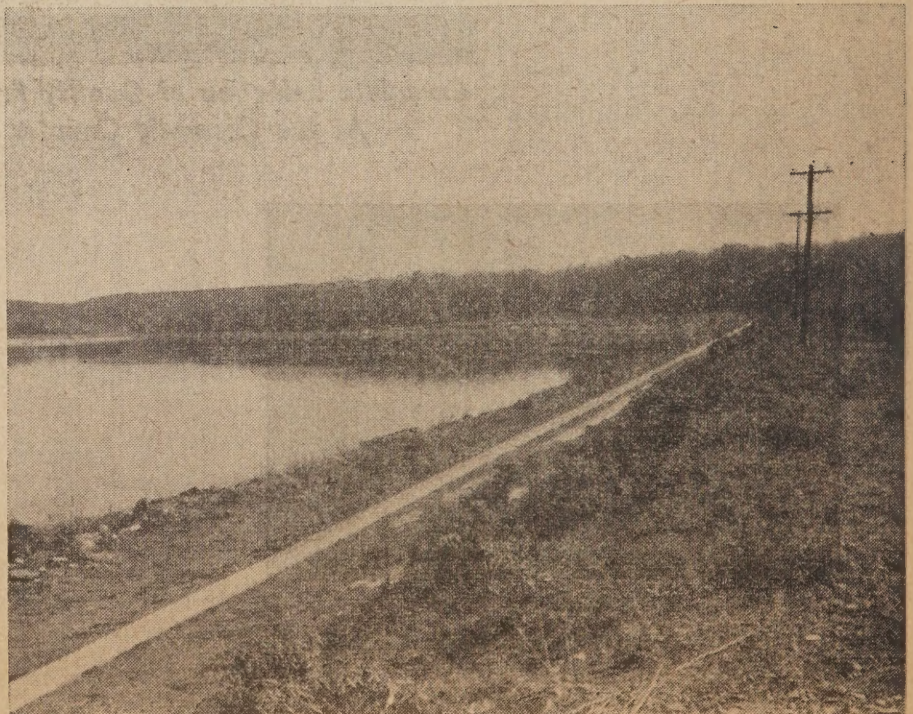
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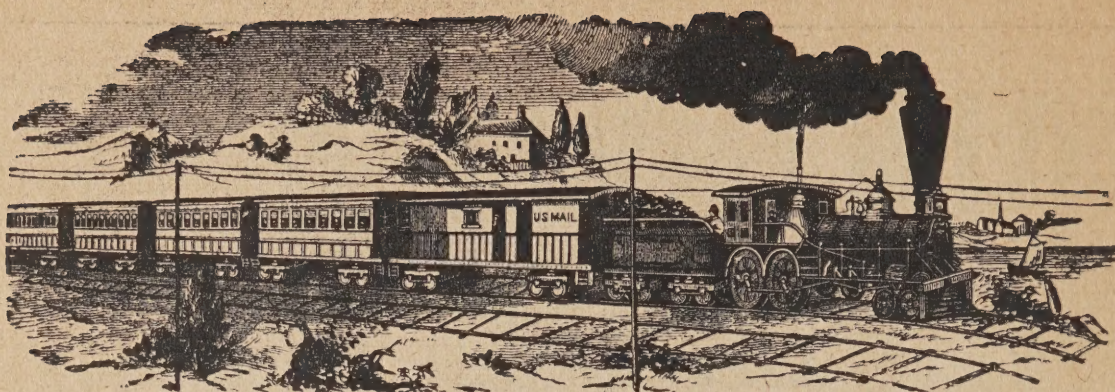
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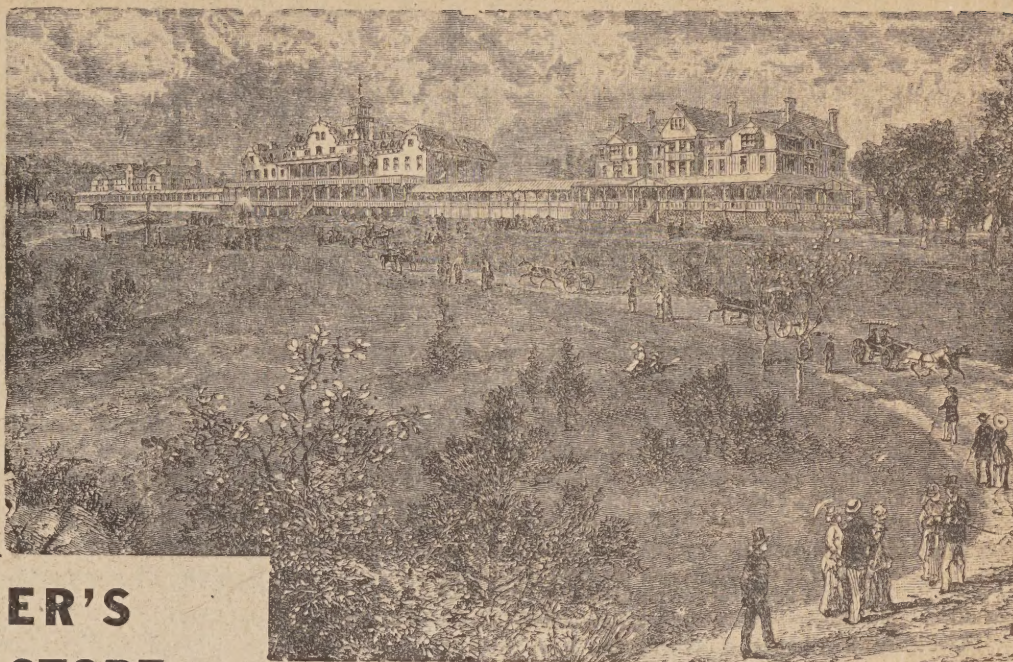
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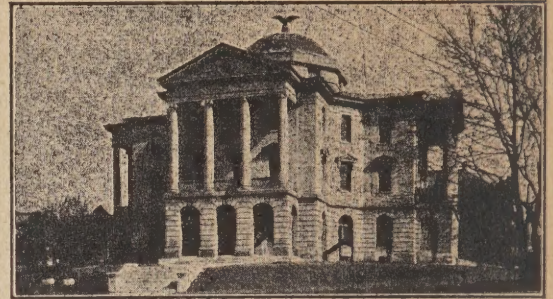
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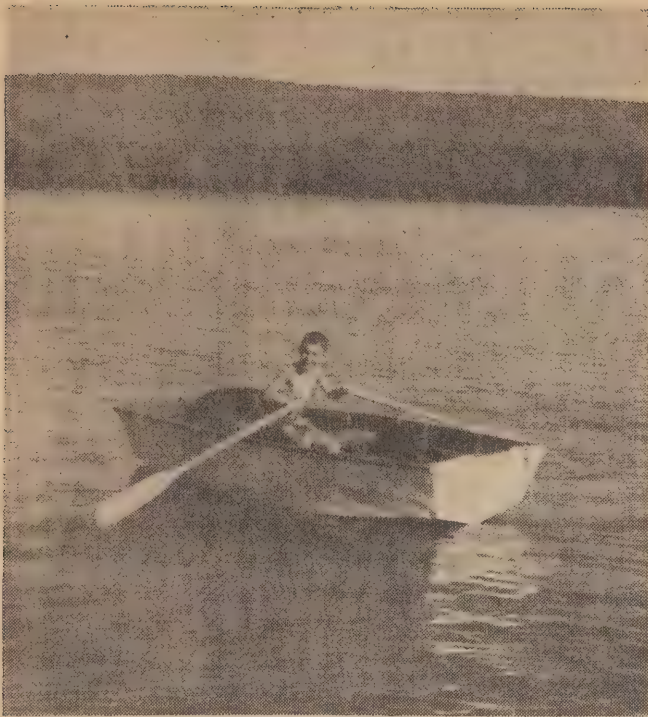


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The mountain-top climate makes the area well suited to the production of hay, pasture grasses and legumes. In recent years, an extensive business has been built up on the production of cool-weather vegetables such as cauliflower, lettuce and broccoli. Last year, cucumbers were raised successfully for the first time in commercial quantities.

Rainfall averages 46 inches per year and is normally well distributed throughout the growing season.

While still important, maple syrup production has declined somewhat because many of the groves were over-aged and have been cut. Not too long ago the bulk of the local maple syrup was shipped in large drums to Vermont, where it was no doubt repackaged and sold as Vermont maple syrup. Now, almost all of it is retailed by the producers. The quality of the syrup is good and demand usually exceeds the supply.

There are good markets for milk, with bulk receiving plants being conveniently located at Oakland. Weekly auction sales at Accident, Grantsville and Terra Alta, W. Va., provide adequate outlets for live stock.

Practically all farms in the county are owner-operated. This results in a stable farm population and a slow rate of change in farm ownership. The condition of the farming industry is described as healthy—and there is every indication that it will stay that way.



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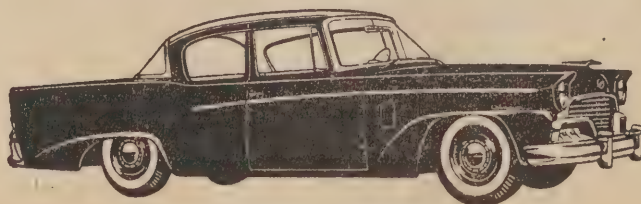
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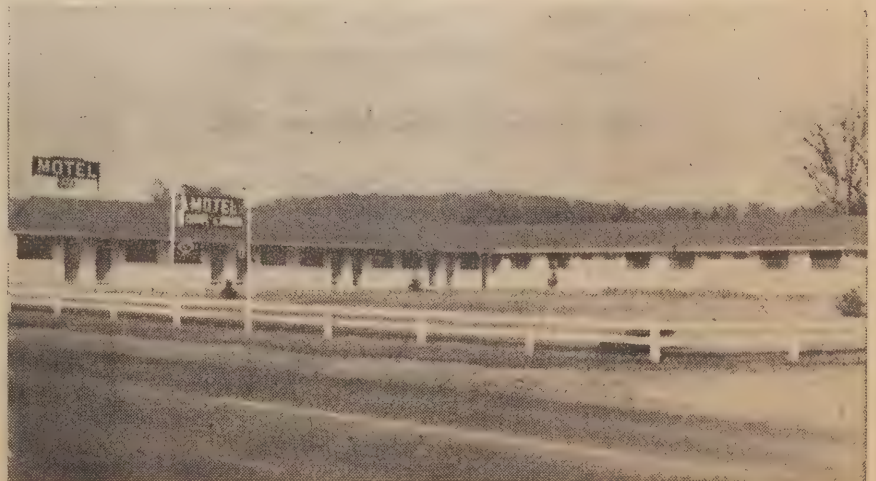
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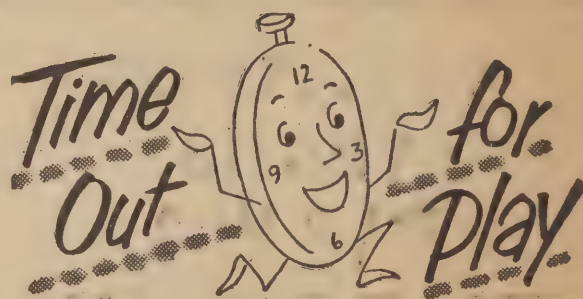
"Sugaring Time" Finds Maple Syrup Vats Boiling

The ancient art of maple sugar and syrup production is still practiced on many Garrett County farms, chiefly in the Grantsville and Bittering sections. Traditionally, sugaring begins the week of Washington's birthday and runs through March and on briefly into April—until a swelling bud signals a halt.

In good sugaring weather the dripping maple water fills the "keelers" in 24 hours. An average tree yields 40 to 50 gallons in a season; some of the "good leakers" have yielded 100 to 125.

The average tree's 40 or 50 gallons of water produces one gallon of syrup—which, by government standards, must weight eleven pounds. A gallon of syrup, in turn, boils down to about eight pounds of sugar.

The budding of the red maples is the first sign that a definite end is near. A few days later the sugar maples take on a rusty brown appearance as their buds swell. Then the season breaks rapidly. By the time the men can take down all the keelers the hillside groves are carpeted with anemones and birds are building their nests in the maples.



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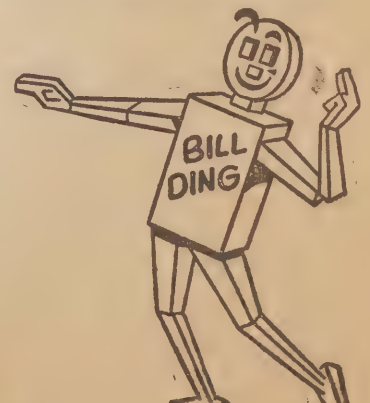
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Cabin Mountain and Weiss Knob, 10 miles south of Davis on Route 32, are the popular winter sports areas. At Cabin Mountain is held the only winter sport carnival south of the Mason-Dixon line, in late January and February. Here there is an average of 95.4 inches of snow per year.

Trout fishing and ice skating are enjoyed in season at Mallow's Maple Grove on W. Va. Route 32.

Camp Horse Shoe, near Parsons, is owned by the U. S. Forest Service and operated by the State Y. M. C. A. Picnicking and fishing are popular at adjoining Horse Shoe Recreation Area.

From a historic standpoint, here is located the first land marker in the state—the Fairfax Stone, established in 1747. It is the meeting place of West Virginia, Maryland, Upper Monongahela Valley and the Eastern Panhandle. It marked the western limit of Lord Fairfax's 6,000,000 acre land grant, one of the largest estates in the world.

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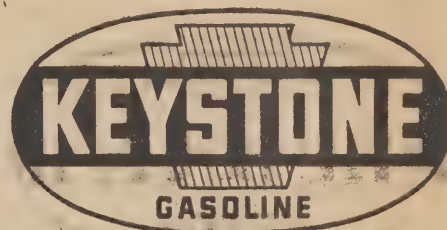
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The Garrett County Playhouse will open its second season at Deep Creek Lake on July 3 with Noel Coward's comedy, "Hay Fever," according to Gene Yell, director.

Yell announced that due to the success of the playhouse last year, the season this year will be extended to eight weeks and will feature eight outstanding productions.

Helen Page Camp and Ronald Yost, who both appeared at the playhouse last year, will have leading roles, and others in the company are Robert Morris, Leonard Drum, D. C. Buckles, Bonnie Martin, Suzanne Oglesby and Tom Calkins.

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Other plays to be presented include "The Show Off," by George Kelly; J. B. Priestley's "An Inspector Calls"; Samuel and Bella Spewack's "My Three Angels"; Max Shulman's "Peg Of My Heart" and "The Tender Trap"; Patrick Hamilton's "Angel Street," and John Van Druten's "Bell, Book and Candle."

The playhouse was inaugurated last year on an experimental basis, with six productions, and its initial success encouraged Mr. Yell to plan a more elaborate program this year. Many local residents and summer visitors patronized the plays, held in a remodeled barn near McHenry.

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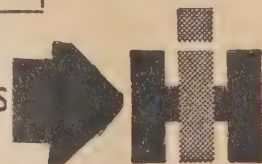
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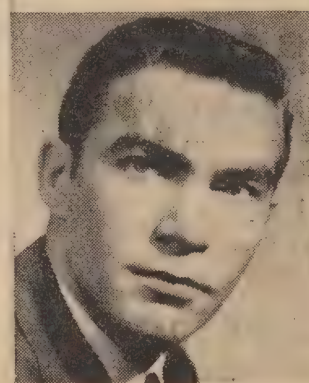
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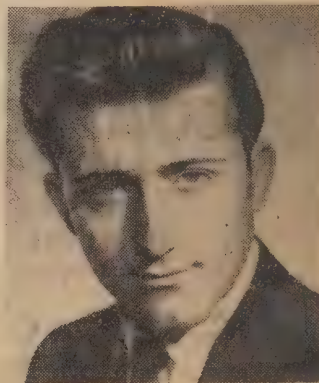
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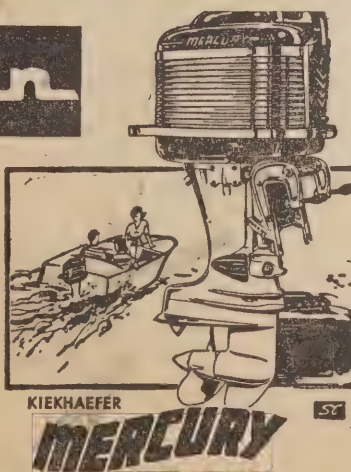
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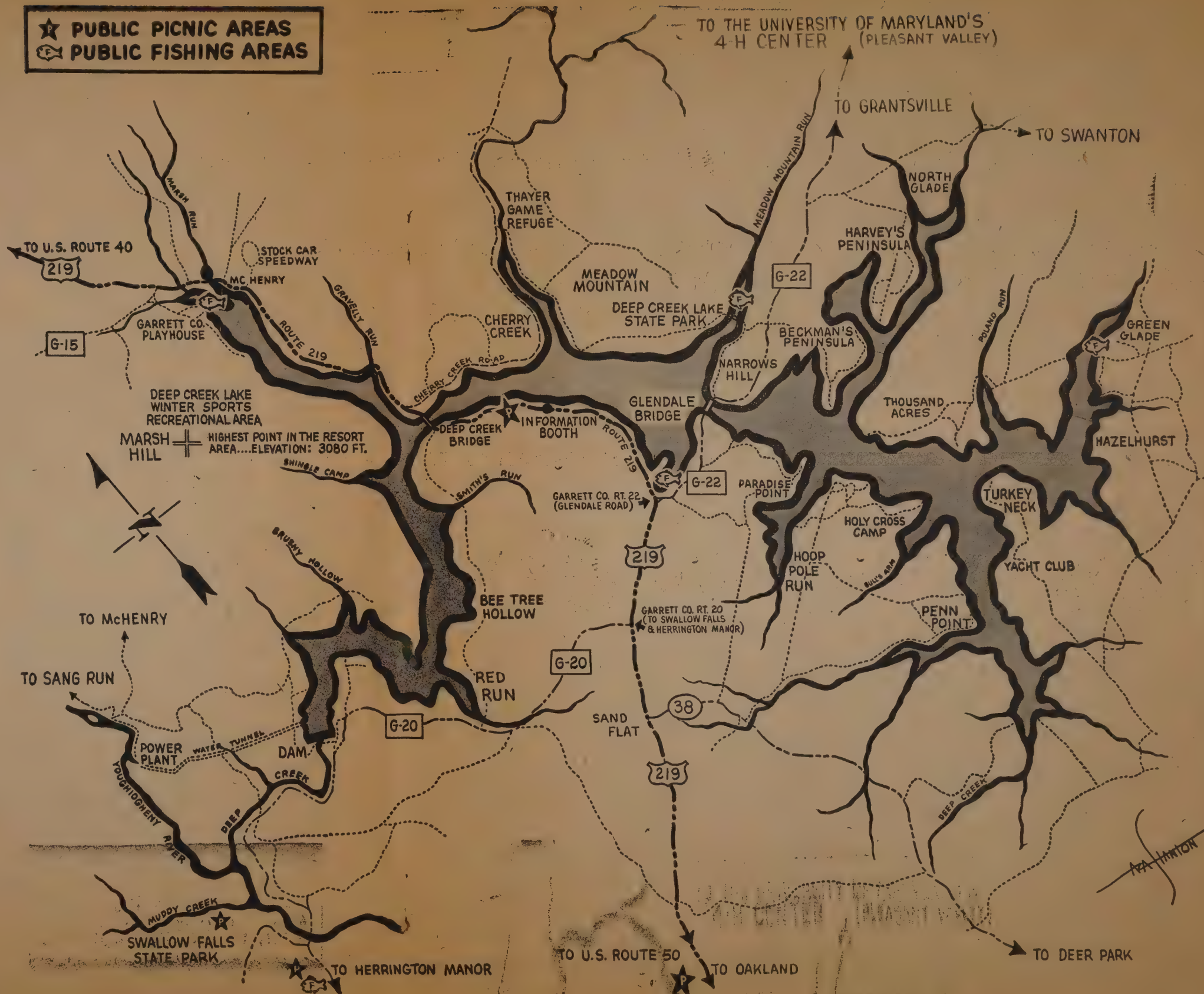
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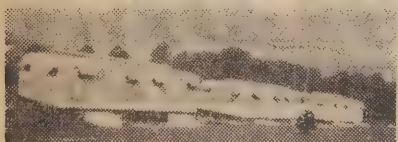
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Visitors to all State Parks in Maryland should remember that dogs are not permitted to run loose within park areas. You may bring your pet, but you must keep him on a six-foot leash.

If you do much hiking, be sure to carry matches in a waterproof box, a compass, map, knife, and a little concentrated food, such as chocolate bars, etc.

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The club house is a popular gathering place for social functions, which are open to all members, both local and out of town.

A well stocked pro shop is operated in connection with the club house, and private lessons are available if desired. For those who just want to improve their game by hitting out a bucket of balls, there is a driving range adjacent to the club house.

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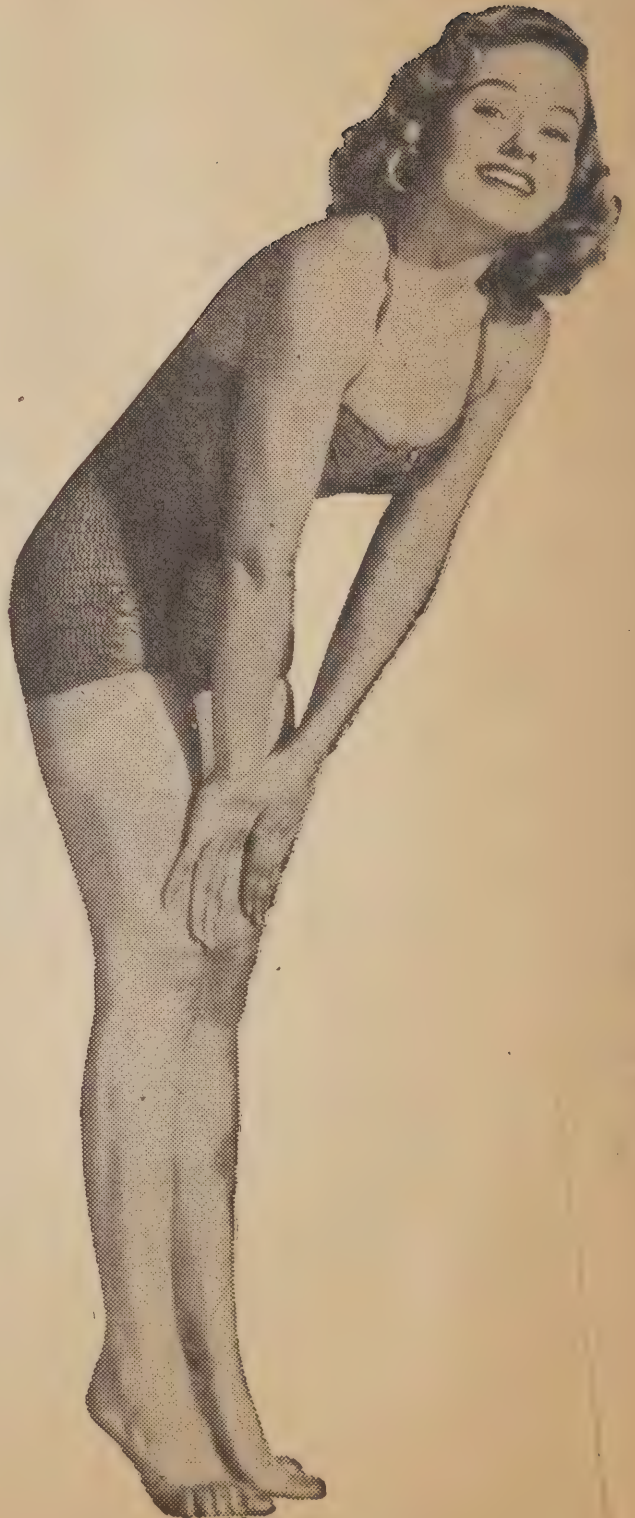
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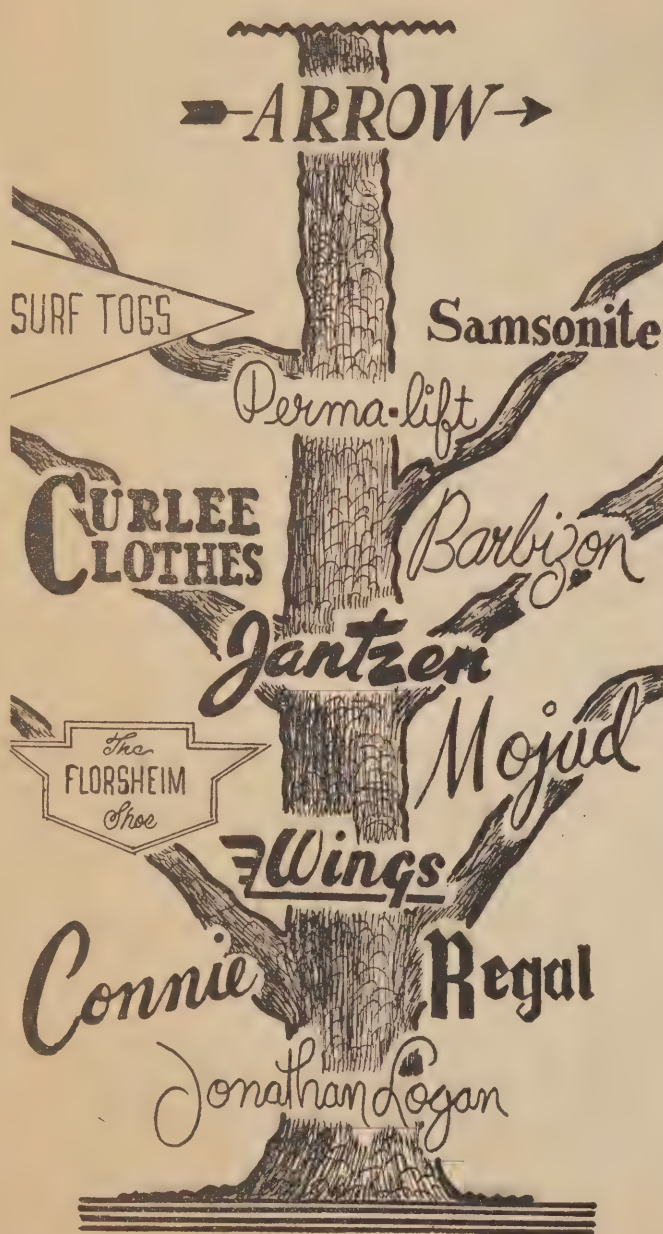
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Looking "Down the Gorge" from Top of Muddy Creek Falls



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The old timers living in Grantsville relate endless stories and legends about their beloved section of the state...stories rich with the color of early America and sprinkle their tales with the names of many history-book Americans...Washington, Braddock, and local names such as Meshach Browning and Lightfoot John Durst.

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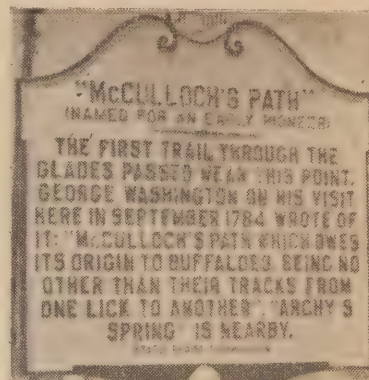
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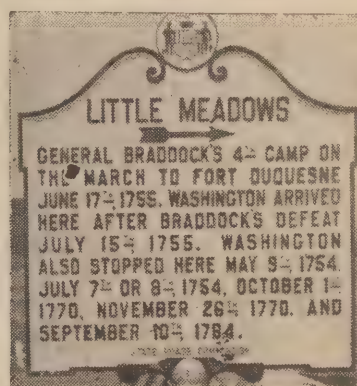
Look A Little...

...Learn A Little

You can combine a lot of pleasure with a little education as you travel through Garrett County by keeping a watchful eye on the many road signs and historical markers erected by the State of Maryland and other groups and individuals. You can trace the tragic route of British General James Braddock in his ill fated campaign to secure the area from the French and Indians. You can follow George Washington through the glades and over the mountains on a surveying trip. And you can locate many of the interesting spots you may wish to visit . . . just by keeping your eyes open.



In Garrett County you'll find the eastern "continental divide," where waters decide whether they



want to flow east to the Atlantic or west to the Mississippi river. Hoyer Crest, the highest point in the state, is located in the extreme southern part of the county near the West Virginia line. You'll ride Route 40, path of the pioneers, and notice the interesting milestones marking

the distance today, just as they did when stages toiled on the hills and drivers, passengers and horses relaxed at the Colonial Inn. You'll see the glades country, where some of the last buffalo to be found in the east grazed and where the area's legendary hunter, Meshach Browning, lived the life that resulted in his famous book, "Forty-Four Years of the Life of a Hunter."

If time permits, plan to spend a day or more investigating the byways as well as the better known centers. You're likely to encounter a blacksmith shop, a cider mill, a maple sugar camp, a water-power mill or any of a number of interesting oddities you thought did not exist in these fast-moving days.

Even the sight of one or a group of deer, bouncing across a field or highway at dusk, will make a "looking" excursion by auto well worth your while.

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Scenic Beauty at Swallow Falls

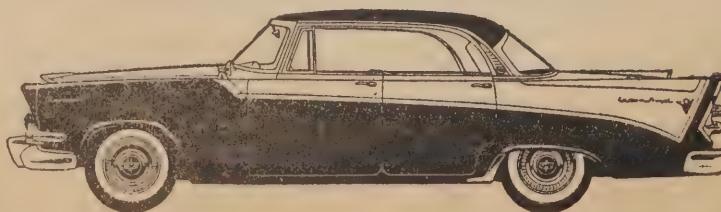


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CASTLEMAN RIVER BRIDGE

By Viola Broadwater

The historic stone arch bridge spanning the Castleman River east of Grantsville recently was restored and preserved for posterity as a monument to the earliest bridge construction methods in the United States.

Built in 1813, the arch structure from 1813 until 1933 carried the ever-increasing traffic of Route 40, the National Pike.

In 1933, due to the heavy increase of vehicular traffic, it was necessary to relocate the right of way of Route 40 east of Grantsville in order to eliminate several hazardous curves as well as the steep incline over the old bridge.

The relocation project necessitated the erection of the present steel bridge some 400 feet south of the stone arch bridge. Since erection of the new bridge, the only traffic which used the old bridge were historians, people who knew and enjoyed the thrill or the way-down-deep feeling that took place in one's stomach when crossing the arch, and the rural mailman who



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Transportation between the seaboard states and the Mississippi Valley shortly after the beginning of the 19th century was a vital problem. The Braddock and Forbes roads of French and Indian times were inadequate.

Construction of a canal would be expensive, if not impractical, and there was opposition upon Constitutional grounds to the Federal government making improvements. The need was so urgent, however, that Congress decided to build a road across the mountains.

On March 29, 1806, Thomas Jefferson approved a bill appropriating \$30,000 for a road from Cumberland to the Ohio River at Wheeling, W. Va., officially known as the "Cumberland Road."

The road commission appointed by the President consisted of Eli Williams and Thompson, a surveyor. They were authorized to hire two chain carriers, a marker, a vaneman, a pack horse man and horse to make the preliminary survey.

The route decided upon followed the general course of the old Nemaquin Path from Cumberland to the Monongahela River, passing through Little Meadows. It crossed the Castleman at the Little Crossings, the Youghiogheny at the Great Crossings and the Monongahela at Red Stone Old Fort (Brownsville) where connection was made with Pittsburgh by boat.

By 1808, the right-of-way had been cleared one-half width as far as Brownsville. Contracts for construction of ten miles of the road west from Cumberland were signed on April 16 and May 8, 1811, and were completed in the fall of 1812.

The next letting was in August, 1812, a distance of 11 miles, extending to Little Meadows. It was completed in early 1815.

The work was then contracted to the Youghiogheny in August, 1815, and finished in 1817. The delay was caused by scarcity of laborers, high prices and apprehension of possible failure of the contractors.

The whole road was not completed and opened to traffic to the Ohio until 1818. The cost of building the road across the mountains from Cumberland to Uniontown, including the stone arch bridge, was \$9,745 per mile. Funds for construction were raised by the government from the sale of public lands in Ohio. It was planned to build the road to the Mississippi, but it was finally completed only as far as Springfield, Ohio.

Bridges and culverts were well built of stone. One of the most noted of the bridges was the Little Crossings over the Castleman River, then known as the "Little Youghiogheny." This 80-foot span was the

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It is said that it was built larger than needed to carry the river water in order that the proposed C. and O. Canal might pass under it.

A public celebration was held on the day the supporting timbers of the bridge were removed. People who had seen the arch under construction said it would collapse when the supports were removed.

David Shriver, of Cumberland, road construction superintendent for the government, with a few laborers, on the night before the celebration, quietly removed the "key" of the supporting timbers. Shriver stood under the bridge and said that he might as well be dead as his reputation depended on the arch.

The bridge stood without supports, just as it stands today. It carried the traffic of the great highway for 120 years until the new steel bridge was constructed.

The Garrett County Historical Society has a copy of the contract for construction of this bridge, which served the National Road traffic over the Castleman River.

The Washington County, Pa., Historical Society has the original contract for the construction of the bridge.

The contract is too long for publication, but here are some interesting notes from its contents:

"Article of agreement made this 4th day of September, 1813, between Abraham Kerne, John Bryson, contractor, and David Shriver, on the part of the United States.

"The contractor agrees to build a bridge across the Little Youghiogheny River on the ninth section of the United States Western Road, 80 foot span in the clear with a width of road across the arch of 26 feet. The arch to be a segment of 120 degrees, to be three feet thick etc. All materials to be found by the contractors, except lime. Bridge to be completed on or before the first day of November, 1814.

"The United States agrees to pay the contractor at the rate of \$2.25 for every perch of mason work in the bridge; \$2,000 to be paid as soon as the abutments of the bridge are built and \$2,000 when the bridge is half built."

The contract concludes as follows: "It is hereby likewise provided that no member of Congress shall be admitted to any share or part in this contract or agreement or to any benefit to arise therefrom."

The contract was signed and sealed by David Shriver and the contractors Kerns and Bryson before Jon Scott and M. Hallam on September 30, 1813. It was approved by James Madison, then President of the United States.

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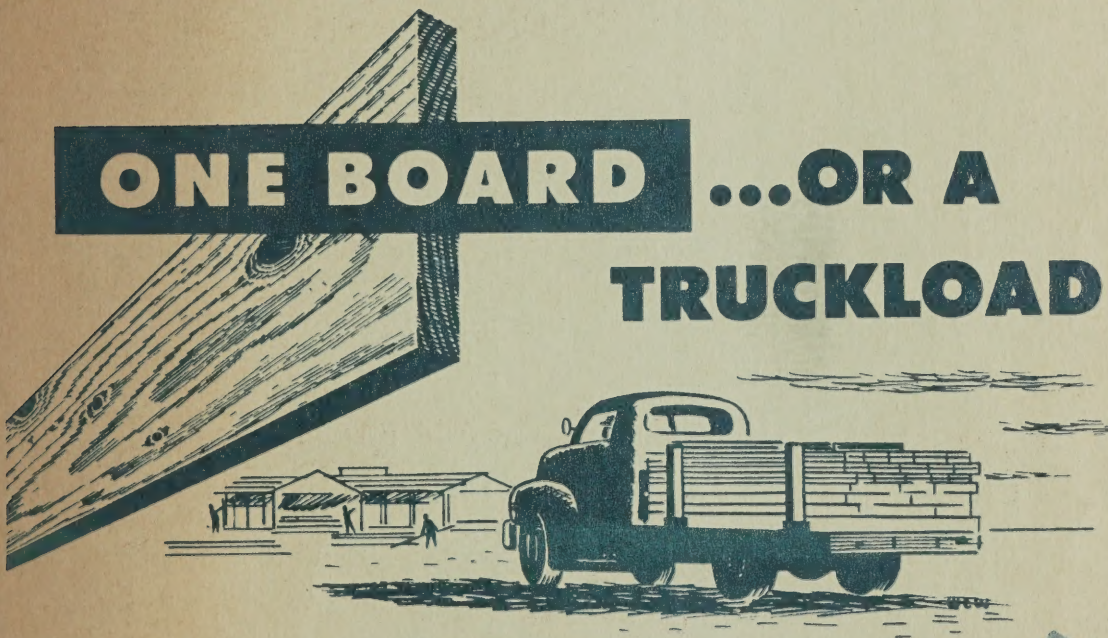
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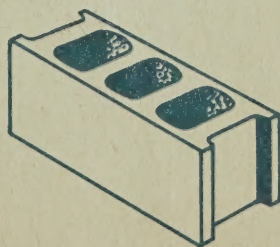
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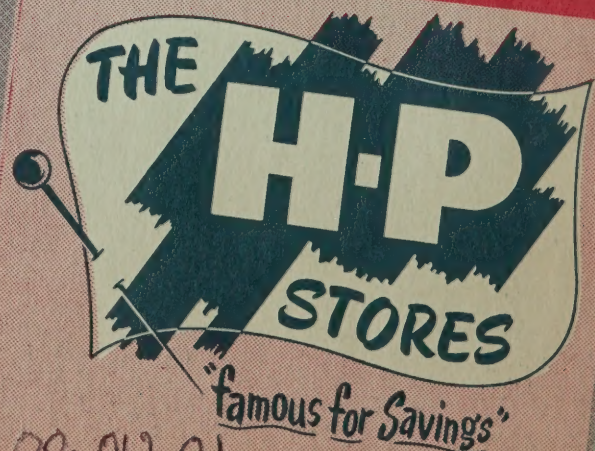
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